

REMARKS

Claims 11 – 15, 21, 53 – 60, 63 – 66, and 67 – 68 pending. Claims 53 – 59, 63 – 66, and 71 have been amended.

In the April 18, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 11 – 15 and 21 are allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11 – 15 and 21 are in condition for allowance.

In the April 18, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 53 – 60, 63 – 66, and 69 – 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the claims recite a plurality of alternative limitations. The applicants have amended the claims to eliminate the plurality of alternative limitations and have further amended the claims for reasons of form. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 53 – 60, 63 – 66, and 69 – 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

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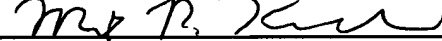
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Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

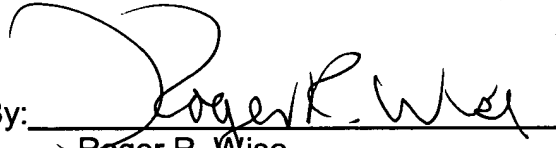
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